

(SRI AZHAR SAI)

(5) An advance of Rs. 100 would be paid to each worker who has not worked during the above period to be deducted in five monthly equal instalments to meet their hardships because of loss of pay along with the pay for July, 1972. The recovery of advance will commence from the wages of September 1972 payable in October, 1972.

(6) The workers agreed not to stop work and the management agreed not to close down the factory until all constitutional means are exhausted and notices given on either side.

(7) It is agreed that only the following four outstanding issue would be discussed in conciliation :—

- (1) Supply of rain-coats and gum-boots to all workmen.
- (2) Provision of transport to the workers school going children from the colony to Belgaum City and back.
- (3) Provision of transport to workers from Belgaum City to factory and back.
- (4) Construction of parapet wall in the rear verandah of J type quarters.

(8) It is agreed that no demands covered under the three year agreement dated 31st December 1970 will be raised during the currency of the said agreement.

I am happy to announce that the workers have resumed work.

M. S. KRISHNAN.—I have no questions to put but I wish to thank the Hon. Minister for his intervention and the settlement that has been brought about. Two issues are left to him to be settled : one is regarding the 68 employees who have been suspended and another is regarding discussions of the four issues which go to conciliation I would very humbly request the Hon. Minister for Labour to see that these 68 employees are taken back to work and that the other issues are settled at the earliest.

SRI AZHAR SAI.—I have pursued this matter and the Management have agreed to send me the entire file after the enquiry is over without taking any decision. They have left the decision to me and I would like to assure the hon. Member that I would do all that is possible to give them justice. Regarding the other demands, I have asked the Joint Labour Commissioner to get the entire file from Belgaum so that conciliation proceedings could be continued at this level.

(ii) *re :—Damage to Cotton Crop due to some pests in Arsikere Taluk.*

SRI H. S. SIDDAPPA (Arsikere).—Madam, I call the attention of the Minister for Agriculture and Forest to the damage to cotton crop due to some pests in Arsikere Taluk.

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture & Forest).—Madam, Government are informed that about 4,500 acres of Cotton, 123 acres of Castor have been affected in Arasikere Taluk by pests like Aphids, Jassids, Nairy Caterpillars and Semiloopers, Area affected under Sesamum is reported to be negligible. Adequate measures have been taken to protect the crops. Crops in 1,250 acres of land have been treated so far and the work is in progress. It is expected that the entire area will be covered by preventive measures shortly. The Department of Agriculture has also taken steps to caution the farmers well in advance through Radio announcements about the likely occurrence of these pests and also about the control measures to be adopted by them in such cases. It is hoped that the Agriculturists will respond to these announcements.

So far 2,800 Kgs. of Parathion, Malathion dust and 450 litres of Phosphomidon, D.D.V.P. (NUVAN) have been sold to the farmers. There are sufficient stocks of pesticides with the Agro Industries Corporation, the private dealers and the Co-operatives in the area, and the farmers can purchase any quantities of these pesticides to combat the pests and bring the situation under control. There is absolutely no cause for anxiety since arrangements have been made enabling the farmers to take necessary and precautionary as well as control measures to protect the crop. The Officers of the Department of Agriculture are also assisting the farmers in the affected area in controlling the pests. The Agro Industries Corporation has been advised to replenish the stock of chemicals as and when it became necessary.

(iii) *re :—Release of Second Instalment of Loan to Harijan/Girijan House Building Society, Sedam.*

SRI BAPU GOWDA RAYAPPA (Shahapur).—Madam, I call the attention of the Minister for Co-operation to the release of second instalment of loan to the Harijan/Girijan House Building Society, Sedam.

SRI A. SHANKAR ALVA (Minister for Co-operation).—Madam, I stats as follows :—

A loan of Rs. 8,76,000 was sanctioned to Sedam Taluk SC & ST House Building CS in respect of 292 members at the rate of Rs. 3000 each. The first instalment of loan of Rs. 1,75,200 was released on 11th November 1971. The proposals for release of the second instalment were received by the Corporation on 19th April 1972 and these proposals were under scrutiny.

In the meanwhile Shri J. P. Sarvesh, MLA of the Taluk had submitted a representation on 1st May 1972 to the Chief Minister. One of the allegations made was that since the formation of the Society